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Country: Germany/Russian Zone

Subject: Russian Airfields in Brandenburg and Saxony

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1. **Branden-Halleren (F29):** This airfield was heavily damaged during the war and is not being used.
2. **Eggersdorf (V34):** An advanced field located east of Eggersdorf was entirely destroyed in April 1946. For the past few months, Russian specialized troops and drafted German civilian laborers have been repairing the field. Now in operation, the airfield has about eighty planes, of which two-thirds are Messerschmitts. Since the middle of July, the runway has been made ready for use and two large hangars were finished.
3. **Grossschain (A01):**
 - a. Field measures 8 x 12 kms. There is a large-scale day and night training program using bi-planes. The fifty-six fighter planes stationed at the field take off singly and in flight formation, and engage in target shooting. The twenty-eight Stukas also at the field were not observed in any training flights. thirty-seven transport planes used by parachute units, but estimated that double that number were in use.
 - b. The 6,000 men are all young troops up to 25 years of age. Most of the air force personnel have war experience. Parachute troops, stationed at the field since the beginning of May, without combat experience, jump daily and engage in ground maneuvers.
4. **Leipzig-Mockau (K21):** The airfield, lightly damaged during the war, has been repaired and is now in operation. Flights consist of bi-plane training activity and courier service.
5. **Luckenwalde (F70):** There are "many" B-2's at this airfield.
6. **Mosruppin (K49):** One airfield in the area at Wittstockerube is 1 km. from Mosruppin.

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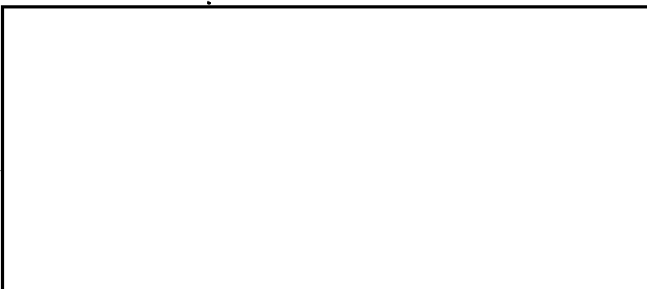
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7. **Oshtets (BYA):** The field, which is 5 x 6 kms, is in the northern part of Oshtets in the direction of Kishinev. The damage done to the hangars and runways by post-war blasting has been repaired. The field, however, is not in use.
8. **Ratchani (Y29):**
- a. The runway has been repaired and work is being done on the hangars. Although the landing and take-offs of twin engine courier planes have been observed, air activity as a whole is very slight.
 - b. Twenty-one bi-planes and pursuit ships are being used for training purposes.
9. **Rion (BYA):**
- a. The airfield is located near Iasita. It is about 4 x 5 kms in size. Hangars and runways are in good condition.
 - b. Four thousand to five thousand are stationed there.
 - c. Twenty-eight planes were observed. Bi-planes are used for training flights; The Russian model fighters fly in single and formation flights.

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